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LB 337, 455

SPEAKER BARRETT: Are you sure, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not sure yet.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 455 advances. As previously announced, I'd like to move to LB 337, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 337 was a bill introduced by Senator Pappas and Senator Baack and Senator Weihing. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Banking Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the bill, Senator Weihing, are you handling the bill?

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 337 is a Business Trust Act. Now, it is an economic development act also, and since I have become involved with this, I've had people saying to me that it's an anti-300 act. But really, it is simply utilizing what is legal within the business activity of Nebraska. Now, it is to provide an opportunity in an area such as where I come from in the North Platte Valley, which has a high degree of potential in development of vegetable processing, but I would like to give you a little background. In recent years we've had a tremendous amount of talk about a family farm. I question that anyone knows any better than I do what a family farm is. I was born on a family farm in southeastern Colorado, a mother, father and eight children and we grew sugar beets, cantaloups, onions, corn, tomatoes, alfalfa, barley. We had chickens, pigs. We had some beef cows, cattle, beef animals and a dairy and we got up at four o'clock in the morning every morning to start milking those cows and carrying on with the chores. I know what a family farm is and I know what it is to look back nostalgically and also to look back and say, thank God I don't have to be doing that again. It is hard work. It is cold in the wintertime and it is hot and sweaty in the summertime. The family farm today isn't entirely different. The operation may be one in which the mother does not remain there taking care of